

## Nevada GEAR UP Program - Year Three

**Subgrantee: Nye County School District** 

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## **Gabbs High School Abstract**

The Gabbs GEAR UP Program targets 9 ninth graders and is designed to provide after school tutorial assistance, student field trip enrichment to post-secondary institutions, student incentive community service projects and parent involvement. For the third year of operation, the program will contract with the Dr. Marie Cannata to promote student transition into higher education and to help students graduate from high school.

The mission of the Gabbs GEAR UP is to improve student academic achievement, increase high school proficiency test scores, reduce the dropout rate, increase high school graduation, better prepare students for post-secondary education while increasing college enrollment and the number of student receiving Millennium or Gear Up Scholarships.

GEAR UP students are planning three field trips including, orientation visits to UNR, WNCC, and participation in the Reno Futures Expo. The school is planning a career day in the spring and will invite community business leaders to participate in this school festival. Dr. Cannata will continue student improvement plans and guide student activities in planning and completing community service projects.

The K-12 school employs a staff of 12 people, including 7 certified teachers and 5 support staff. A designated Title I school with an existing enrollment of 72 students, the school serves a high concentration of poverty students (63%), and Native American Students from the Yomba Indian Reservation (35%).

Gabbs, with a population of approximately 700 people comprised of 290 families, came into existence during World War II when the military needed the magnesium that could be mined in the nearby Paradise Mountains. It had grown to as many as 1,000 residents and then declined as the area's mining fortunes have ebbed over the years. Until recently, Gabbs was the only incorporated town in Nye County, located 72 miles north of Tonopah, and 283 miles northwest of Las Vegas.